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Cottage Hospital

ANNUAL REPORT

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Ledbury Cottage Hospital

Established 1873.

President : LORD BIDDULPH OF LEDBURY.

Governors :

THE PRESIDENT, AND THE HON. SECRETARY
AND TREASURER

MR. W. J. BRAY
CAPT. R. H. S. BICKHAM
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MR. C. B. MASEFIELD

MR. L. J. C. RILEY
MISS M. J. RICHARDSON
FINOLA LADY SOMERS
MRS. RAYNER-WOOD
MR. STAFFORD WESTON
MR. J. R. WHARTON
MRS. J. W. WILSON

Trustees :

LLOYDS BANK LIMITED.

Hon. Medical Officers :

MR. W. STEADMAN, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	} PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS
MR. G. G. AIREY, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.	
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MR. H. G. LANGDALE SMITH, M.B., CH. B. (B'HAM), 1914.	

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer :

MR. CHARLES E. BAKER, PARK VIEW, LEDBURY.

Hon. Auditor : MR. J. W. MARTIN

Committee of Management :

THE PRESIDENT, THE HON. SECRETARY AND TREASURER, THE HON. MEDICAL OFFICERS, MRS. RAYNER-WOOD, MRS. J. W. WILSON, MRS. ROWLANDS, CAPT. R. H. S. BICKHAM, MESSRS. F. W. JUCKES, W. J. BRAY, C. B. MASEFIELD, J. W. TEAGUE, H. J. BROWN, L. J. C. RILEY, S. WESTON, J. W. MARTIN, W. G. GREAVES, R. J. HOPKINS, A. R. C. TURNER, AND MRS. E. A. GOLDIE (HON. SEC. LADIES' LINEN LEAGUE).

Ladies' Linen League

President : MRS. MASEFIELD.

Vice-Presidents : MRS. APPELEGATE, MISS BIXLEY, LADY O'DONNELL, MRS. T. DREW, MRS. FARR, MRS. HEATON, MRS. N. JONES, MRS. LYNE, MISS MERRIVALE, MRS. PULLEN, MRS. E. J. SMITH, MISS E. M. SMITH, MRS. SMYTH, MRS. SNELL, MRS. STEADMAN, MISS STEWART, MRS. THORNETT, MISS E. TOWNSEND.

Hon. Sec. and Treasurer : MRS. E. A. GOLDIE.

Matron : MISS B. M. WILLIAMS.

The GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING of the Subscribers and Donors was held on Friday, March 9th, 1945, the Rt. Hon. Lord Biddulph in the chair.

The President's Address.

It is pleasing to have to record another very satisfactory year's work in connection with our Cottage Hospital. The reports of the Committee of Management and the Treasurer's financial statement will reveal the measure of the work accomplished and the support given by those who have the cause of healing at heart.

Numerous letters continue to be received from ex patients and their friends eulogising the staff and expressing gratitude for the excellent treatment and care by both doctors and nurses ; in many instances such letters are accompanied by donations to supplement the payment of hospital accounts for maintenance. There cannot be the slightest doubt that our hospital is serving a most useful purpose in the district

What the position of such voluntary hospitals as ours will be in the future it is still not possible to say, but should they be crowded out when the proposed state health service is inaugurated, as well they might be, the loss to the country would, in the opinion of many of our high placed friends, be most serious.

There are, however, signs that the widespread interests in our voluntary system, coupled with the protests and active propaganda of the leaders of the Voluntary Hospitals Association, are producing good results, but it is still an urgent necessity that all who believe in our work should constantly voice their opinions and bring before the public the reasons why we should be allowed to continue our good work.

Within the scope of a national scheme there should be room for our own hospitals to operate free from rigid control but linked with key hospitals in the area and receiving adequate grants to cover the cost of free treatment of patients ; the voluntary hospitals should, by right of experience and years of pioneer work, qualify for equal representation on the administrative councils and share in the control of the service, if the patients, who must be the first consideration throughout, are to receive the best that can be given.

I strongly urge those who have the voluntary system at heart to study the situation carefully, watch the course of

events continually and work energetically for the maintenance of our existence as free bodies within the scheme.

Turning again to our local hospital it would be a great help if someone would volunteer to organize Alexandra Rose Day this year; we feel the loss of this interest; its revival would be most highly beneficial.

I have always been a keen adherent to the policy of "Deeds of Covenant" for hospitals and it is a great pleasure to find the appeal made some years ago has resulted in a satisfactory rise in the number of subscribers who have signed Deeds. I would urge others to use this means of greatly assisting our hospital without detriment to themselves.

There are at present about 20 subscribers who have signed a deed of Covenant out of a total of about 100. These 20 have added some £60 extra to the funds of the Hospital and I would urge others to use this method of helping the Hospital without detriment to themselves.

We are living in very difficult times and no hospitals have found it easy to carry on, especially the smaller ones, but we trust that these troubles will soon pass away.

In conclusion may I emphasise how greatly the Governors and the Committee of Management appreciate the support that has been forthcoming from the general public and from all those who by their efforts, their kindly thoughts and their liberal contributions have assisted so greatly. It is a source of great satisfaction to us all and inspires those whose heavy task it is to administer the Hospital and carry on its important work to achieve greater results and so enhance the usefulness of the Hospital and provide even better facilities and service for the patients who may need its help.

Report of the Committee of Management

*For the year ending December 31st, 1944,
was read and adopted as follows :—*

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We, the Committee of Management of the Ledbury Cottage Hospital, beg to present our 72nd Annual Report covering the year ended 31st December 1944, as follows :—

It is with deep regret we record the deaths of Dr. G. Bartley McKean, who for 35 years gave devoted service as a member of the Honorary Surgeons and Physicians panel of the Hospital and later as Consulting Physician; the Right Hon. Lord Somers, D.S.O., for many years Patron of the Institution and Major H. R. R. Fowler, a former Governor.

There were 8 patients in Hospital on January 1st. 684 were admitted during the year making a total of 692, an increase of 102 on the previous year and the highest number yet recorded.

These cases were made up of Accident 210; Medical 140; Surgical 205; and X-Ray only 137. The results being, relieved 58, cured 483, died 5, while 9 patients were still in Hospital at the end of the year.

The total number of X-Ray films taken was 255 and 149 operations were recorded.

Patients have been in Hospital 4726 days, being an increase of 713 on 1943, the average daily bed occupation being approximately 11

The Committee of the Ledbury Workers' Hospital Fund continues its good work in difficult circumstances and we acknowledge with thanks a contribution of £125 from the surplus funds

From the local Agricultural Red Cross Committee we have received a further grant of £275. Our hearty thanks are accorded to Mr. Stafford Weston, Mr. B. Hooke Rimell and the members of that Committee for this valuable assistance. Substantial grants from the League of Mercy and the Home Guard Entertainments Committee are also gratefully acknowledged.

We appreciate the help given by the following who have organised events on our behalf :—Ashperton and Canon Frome Committee £20, Bosbury Dance Committee (eighth year) £32, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Powell, Awnells, Private Party £27 10s 0d,

Mrs. E. Lewis, Seven Stars Xmas Fund, £18 3s 0d, Trumpet Home Guard Hedging Society £15.

Legacies of £50 bequeathed by the late Mr. Harry Walker and £10 by the late Mrs Louise Rowden have been invested by the Trustees.

To Major K. G. Stacy Hatfield we extend thanks for a gift of £100 in recognition of services rendered to his mother while a patient in hospital

For some time past members of the local detachment of St. John Ambulance Corps have rendered excellent service by taking duty at the Hospital on Sunday afternoons, a service much appreciated.

We heartily thank the employees of No. 3 Works for their valuable and regular contributions by means of box collections and assure all collectors of our appreciation of their efforts.

To the Hon. Medical Staff, the Matron and Hospital Staff, the Hon. Sec. and Hon. Auditor, the many donors of gifts and those who help in any way we extend most sincere thanks.

Comparative Statistics.

	Number of Patients.	Average No. of Beds Occupied	Average cost to Hospital per Patient.	Average Cost per Patient per day.	Total Expenditure	Total days in Hospital.
1940	... 538	... 9'5	... 2 16 4	... 8/8	... 1516	... 3495
1941	... 517	... 10'5	... 3 4 0	... 8/7	... 1655	... 3906
1942	... 607	... 10	... 2 14 1	... 9/-	... 1641	... 3658
1943	... 590	... 11	... 3 7 2	... 9/1	... 1980	... 4013
1944	... 692	.. 11	... 3 0 0	... 8/10	... 2073	... 4726

The Trust Funds of the Hospital are invested as follows: £ s. d.

London C.C. 4½ per cent. Consolidated Stock, 1945/85 443 13 10

New South Wales 4 per cent. Stock, 1942/62 ... 363 0 0

3½ per cent War Loan 500 0 0

4 per cent Funding Loan 826 13 8

4 per cent Consolidated Stock 2008 3 6

3 per cent Local Loans 2214 8 11

3 per cent Defence Bonds 1000 0 0

3 per cent Savings Bonds 800 0 0

The above is the list of Securities belonging to the Ledbury Cottage Hospital, and the same is hereby confirmed by us.

Lloyds Bank Ltd., Trustees.

Deeds of Covenant :

Value under Deed :

Mr. J. R. Wharton	..	£6	6	0
Rt. Hon. Lord Biddulph	..	11	5	0
Hon. Michael Biddulph	..	2	2	0
Mr. E. H. Gunter-Jones	..	2	10	0
Mr. L. J. C. Riley	..	4	4	0
The late Rt Hon. Lord Somers	..	6	13	9
Miss E. Coast	..	4	4	0
Capt. R. H. S. Bickham	..	10	10	0
Mrs. H. S. H. Bickham	..	2	2	0
Mrs. J. W. Wilson	..	6	0	0
Mr. John Hill	..	8	8	0
Mrs. M. Hopton (Canon-ffrome)	..	4	4	0
Mrs E. Sprowle	..	4	4	0
Mr. C. B. Masefield	..	10	0	0
Mrs E. Rowlands	..	10	0	0
Mr. P. Powell	..	2	2	0
Mr. A. H. J. Fowler	..	2	2	0
Mr. W. J. Bray	..	4	0	0
Mr. W. Preece	..	2	2	0
Mr. and Mrs. G. Stamp	..	4	4	0
Mr. R. J. Evans	..	4	4	0
Mr. A. R. C. Turner	..	4	4	0

List of Subscribers, 1944.

- £4 4s. 0d.** Messrs. F. W. Woolworth & Co. Ltd.
- £4 0s. 0d.** Gloucester Mutual Benefit Society.
- £3 3s. 0d.** Hereford Public Assistance Committee, Mrs. Spence-Colby, Messrs H. Weston and Sons.
- £2 2s. 0d.** Mr. W. H. Bebbington, Miss M. Bastard, Miss A. M. M. Thackwell, Mr. M. D. Hill, Mrs. Acworth, Mrs. Jollyman, Mr. E. D. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Jameson, Mrs. E. M. Thompson, Mrs M. Buck, Mr. W. Robinson, Mr. J. W. Hewitt, Mr. W. L. Pritchett, Mr and Mrs. Singleton, Mr. W S. Tetley, Mr. E. Bramley (Messrs. Robb & Co. Ltd.), Mrs. K. M. Bright, Mr. L. W. Crossley, Messrs. R. Preece & Sons, Mr. E. F. Barnett.
- £2 0s. 0d.** Mrs. M. E. Barlow, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Heath, Mrs. R. Hunt.
- £1 1s. 0d.** Lloyds Bank Ltd., Mr. W. G. Greaves, Miss Binyon, Mr. and Mrs G. W. Anderson, Rev. R. A. Lyne, The late Mr. W. Madders, South Wales & C. C. Coal Co. Ltd., Messrs. Boots (chemists), Miss M. J. Richardson, Mrs, G. Appleton, Miss E. Appleton, Mr. C. L. Berkley, Misses Smith (Homend Lodge), Mr. A. T. Thomas, Mrs. Palairat, Mr. D. Blandford, Miss B. Lake, Rev. C. L. Money-Kyrle, The Evendine School of Domestic Economy, Mr. J. W. Martin, Mr F. W. Jukes, Mr. T. Wilding, Mr. H. C. Hooper, Mr. W. F. McConnell, Mr. J. Hunt Hickin, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hamar, Mr. A. G. Smith, Major A. R. Rowden, National Provincial Bank Ltd., Mr. G. S. Albright, Mr. R. J. Hopkins, The Ven. the Archdeacon of Hereford, The Midland Bank Ltd., Mr. and Mrs. W. Coley, Mr. W. Mosley, Messrs J. Meates & Sons.
- £1 0s. 0d.** Mr. T. G. Pitt, Mrs. F. Windle, Rev. W. Browne, Mr. J. Barnett, Miss M. Smith, Mr. W. J. Bebbington, Mr. E. J. Simmons.
- 10/6** .. Mrs. W. G. Davies, Mr. A. Blakemore, Mr. E. J. Allen, Mr. W. Oram, Mrs. E. J. Smith, Mr. A. H. Gorin, Mr. A. L. Chapman, Miss J. Pope Davies, Mr. F. Butler, Rev. A. B. Spittall, Messrs F. W. Taylor & Son, Messrs. Milwards Ltd., Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. W. H. Lucy, Miss W. M. Chapman.
- 10/-** .. Mr. J. Haines, Mr. R. R. Gabb.
- 7/6** .. Mrs. F. Poulter.
- 5/-** .. Mr. P. E. B. Smith, Mr. A. E. Bramley.

Grants.

			£	s	d
Ledbury Home Guard Entertainments Committee	...		50	0	0
Ancient Order of Foresters	...	...	2	10	0
Malvern District Workers Hospital Saturday Fund	...		26	5	0
The Trumpet Home Guard Hedging Society	...	...	15	0	0
Hospital Savings Association	...	...	5	0	0
Ledbury District Agricultural Red Cross Committee	...		275	0	0
Hereford Military Exhibition per The Mayor	...		21	0	0
The League of Mercy	...	...	60	0	0
Ledbury Workers' Hospital Fund	...	...	125	0	0
British Hospitals Association (Ministry Grant)	...		68	0	0
The Norman Todd Charity Trust	2	0	0
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			£649	15	0
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Entertainments.

			£	s	d
Bosbury Whist and Dance Committee (Mr. W. Mo-ley)	...		32	1	4
Ashperton Village Hall Committee (Mr. R. J. Hopkins)			20	0	0
Colwall Boys' School (Dennis Baker)	...	...	9	0	
Joan King, Sheila Messam, Gillian Graylor	...	...	12	9	
Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Powell, Awnells	...	...	27	10	0
Dymock W. I. (Mrs. E. A. Price)	5	0	0
Hereford District Post Office Staff	4	0	0
"Seven Stars" (Mrs. E. Lewis)	18	3	0
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			£107	16	1
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Legacies.

			£	s	d
The late Mr. H. Walker	45	0	0
The late Mrs. Louise Rowden	10	0	0
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			£55	0	0
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Donations.

	£	s	d
Ledbury Police Ball Committee, Ins. J. E. Keyte	5	5	0
Mrs. A. R. Rowden, Bromesberrow	8	10	0
Capt. Haggard	1	0	6
In Memory of Mr. H. Thacker,—Mrs. L. Jordan, Evesham	1	10	0
Friend	1	0	0
In Memory of Mr. H. Walker.—Mr. and Mrs. H. Madders, Mr. C. E. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. R. Gabb, Mr. R. Lawrence	2	17	6
In Memory of Mrs. A. M. Jones,—Mrs. F. Spencer	15	0	
In Memory of Mrs. W. J. Bray,—St. John Ambulance Detach- ment, Mr. and Mrs. A. Heaton. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Baker Mr. and Mrs. F. Spencer, Anon.	4	0	6
Anon.	29	8	11
Mr. F. L. Born	2	14	0
Mr. T. Rogers	1	1	0
Major K. G. Stacy Hatfield, The Steppes	100	0	0
Miss S. Hurdley	10	10	0
Mr. Russell Bishop	1	1	0
In Memory of Mr. A. G. T. Banks	3	3	0
In Memory of Lord Somers, - Mr. L. Phillips and family	1	0	0
Miss R. Cobb	5	0	
Miss Wheelock	1	5	0
Mr. Barnes, W. Heath	4	0	0
Eastnor Estate, per Mrs. E. Winter	18	0	
Mr. C. Lock	5	0	
In Memory of Dr. G. B. McKean,—Mrs. Hunter, Miss Johnston	2	1	0
Grateful Patient	10	0	
Mrs. Baldwin	1	0	0
Mr. W. J. Bray	2	0	0
Mr. Jones (Dentist)	1	0	0
In Memory of Mr. G. Chadd,—Mrs. I. E. Barnett and R. Chadd	10	0	
Anon. (S.H.)	4	0	0
Major A. R. Rowden	1	1	0
Mrs. Palmer, Foxhills	5	0	
Anon. (E.G.S.)	10	6	
Mrs. F. James	10	0	
In Memory of Mr. W. Whittle, Bury Court, — Mrs. H. Hopkins, Miss H. James, Mr. and Mrs. W. Whittle, Miss Ruth Hackett, Miss K. Hackett, Mr. and Mrs. S. Robinson, Major A. R. Rowden, Mr. J. McBeth, Mr. J. Dobbins	8	0	6
Anon. (Hospital Letter Box)	1	0	0

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Church Collections.

				£	s	d
Putley, per Mr. L. J. C. Riley	4	2	3
Wellington Heath, per Mrs. S. A. Owen	4	14	0
Eastnor, per Mr. H. Humphries	...	...	...	1	14	3
Donnington, per Col. C. Spence-Colby	...	...	...	6	0	0
Haffield, per Mr. R. Hyett	...	...	...	2	15	10
Aylton, per Mr. A. E. Heath	...	...	...	5	13	9
Colwall, per Mr. H. G. Lowe	...	...	...	3	3	2
Bosbury, per Mr. H. E. Lane	...	...	..	2	0	0
Ashperton, per Mrs. Powell-Tuck	...	...	...	3	10	10
Preston, per Canon D. Gethyn Jones	...	...	...	1	1	0
Kempley " " "	...	...	...	1	1	0
Pixley, per Miss R. Townsend	...	...	...	1	13	4
Bromesberrow, per Miss A. Brightmore	...	...	...	2	15	0
Castle Frome, per Rev. E. J. Roberts	...	...	...	7	10	0
Fromes Hill, " " "	...	...	...	5	7	9
Munsley, per Miss L. E. Keysell	...	...	...	3	10	0
Ledbury, per Mr. A. L. Chapman	18	11	2
Much Marcle, per Mr. S. Weston	2	5	6
Little Marcle, per Rev. W. Browne	2	5	6
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				£79	14	4

Boxes.

					£	s	d
No. 3 Works	13	6	6
Plough Hotel	2	0	11
Mrs. Rayner-Wood	1	7	0
Feathers Hotel (Mrs. Parmee)	1	3	0
Mr. F. L. Born	...	...	..	...	2	1	9
Hospital	2	11	0
“ No. 7 ” Mr. L. Stanley Smith			2	18	0
Mr. P. D. Chapman	1	5	0
Mrs. Rupert Powell	2	15	7
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					£29	8	9

Income and Expenditure Account for Year ended 31st December, 1944

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.			
	£	s	d		£	s	d
I PROVISIONS	...	...	...	I VOLUNTARY GIFTS:	...	...	...
II SURGERY & DISPENSARY	...	...	...	Subscriptions	179	12	6
X-Ray	...	...	...	Donations	202	17	5
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	Churehes	79	14	4
	...	...	...	Boxes	29	8	9
III DOMESTIC:	...	...	...	Entertainments	107	16	1
Repairs and Renewals	...	...	...		599	9	1
Laundry	...	...	...	
Water	...	...	...	GRANTS:			
Fuel and Light	...	...	...	5th Bn. Herefordshire H.G.	50	0	0
Sundries	...	...	...	Ancient Order of Foresters	2	10	0
	...	...	...	Malvern Contributory Scheme	26	5	0
IV SALARIES & WAGES:	...	...	...	Ledbury Contributory Scheme	125	0	0
Nursing and Domestic	...	...	...	Ledbury Red Cross Committee	275	0	0
Stoking and Grounds	...	...	...	League of Mercy	60	0	0
Extra Nurse	...	...	...	Hospital Savings Association	5	0	0
N.H. and U. Insurance	...	...	...	Trumpet H.G. Hedging Soc.	15	0	0
	...	...	...	Hereford Military Exhibition	21	0	0
	...	...	...	B H.A. Ministry Grants	68	0	0
	...	...	...	Norman Todd Charity Trust	2	0	0
V MISCELLANEOUS:	...	...	...		649	15	0
Insurances	...	...	...	II FOR SERVICES RENDERED:			
Telephone	...	...	...	Patients	892	0	10
Sundries	...	...	...	Less paid on 1943 account	135	4	0
				
VI ADMINISTRATION:	...	...	...	Outstanding Accounts	...		
Printing and Stationery	...	...	...	III INVESTED FUNDS:			
Postages, etc.	...	...	...	Interest on Dividends	141	5	4
Sundries	...	...	...	Repayment of Tax on Dividends	139	9	0
	...	...	...	" " Deeds	106	14	0
VII ESTABLISHMENT:	...	...	...	
Building Repairs	...	...	...	Less paid on 1943 account	387	8	4
VIII FINANCE:	...	...	...		42	3	0
Rates	...	...	...	
Trustees Charges				
Transfer to Special Funds				
				
Excess of Income over Expenditure				
	£	2500	2 3				
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Balance Sheet, 1944.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s d		£	s d
Sundry Creditors	Cash in hand and at Bank :		
Building Repairs Fund :			Matron's Cash Float	...	7 0 0
As at 31/12/43	...	785 0 0	Cash in hand	...	5 11 10
Allocation from General Fund 1944	...	255 0 0	Cash at Bank	...	531 19 8
Post Office S.B. Interest	...	4 7 6	Post Office Savings Bank	...	956 5 0
Special Account:			National Savings Certs (at cost)	...	180 0 0
As at 31/12/43	...	350 0 0			1680 16 6
Allocation from General Fund 1944	...	150 0 0	Sundry Debtors	...	148 16 0
Post Office S.B. Interest	...	1 17 6	Hospital Endowments :		
Hospital Endowments :			Invested	...	8131 11 1
As at 31/12/43	...	8109 19 9	Building and Equipment :		
Legacy, H. Walker, decd.	...	45 0 0	As at 31/12/44	...	5250 0 0
" Mrs. L. Rowden, decd.	...	10 0 0			
Gift of Building, etc.					
Valued at	...	5250 0 0			
General Fund :					
As at 31/12/43	...	291 0 3			
Less allocated to Repair Fund	...	105 0 0			
Surplus of Income over Expenditure					
		186 0 3			
		21 4 1			
		<u>£15211 3 7</u>			<u>£15211 3 7</u>

Audited and found correct (Sgd) J. W. Martin, Hon. Auditor. 26th February, 1945

